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Carbondale Makes 'Reluctant' Decision

City, in Throes of Money Crunch, Drops Interest in Postal Building

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The City of Carbondale will have to forego its interest in acquiring the post office building, according to City Council, which cited a lack of finances submitting a realistic bid for the structure.

Advised at its regular Monday meeting that the U.S. Postal Service would accept a fair market bid for the building, Council reluctantly agreed the city simply did not have the money to submit such a bid.

Council's action clears the way for the postal service to now offer the building on the open market.

In other business council:

– Was in agreement with the C.J. Zazzera Construction company's request for tax assistance under the city's local economic and revitalization tax assistance program. Zazzera is the owner of the new employment office building.

– Introduced an ordinance by president Michael Tolerico amending the budget line item titled legal services, amending the figure $6,000 to read $16,900. The increase is due to the fact that city solicitor John Cerra has not been paid for 1982.

– Introduced a permanent 1983 budget ordinance.

– Introduced an ordinance by Councilman Albert Calzola requiring all department heads, to include the police chief, fire chief and superintendent of streets, to be present at all regular meetings of council.

– Introduced an ordinance by Tolerico setting the speed limit on Scott Street at 15 m.p.h.

– Voted unanimously on an ordinance introduced by Tolerico prohibiting parking on the northwest corner of Main Street directly in front of the Turkey Hill store.

– Was informed that the police car, damaged in a recent accident, was being repaired by A&A Body Shop at a cost approximately $800 less than the settlement received from the insurance company. The car will be ready for service within two to three weeks.

– Accepted an offer from Joseph Calandi of J.C. Construction Co. to install storm windows at the finance office at city hall, merely for the cost of the windows.